

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

August 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Judge Clinard called the meeting to order.

Quorum Court Coordinator Keeshia DeShields called roll as follows:

15 JPs Present: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the opening prayer. Sheriff's Office Chaplin Dave Hudsell led a moment of silence.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Minutes approved as distributed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

None

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT/COUNTY PROPERTY DISPOSAL REPORT:

County Judge Clinard presented the County Judge's report as follows:

- Great River Engineering has completed the rehabilitation design for the War Eagle Bridge project. We are waiting on the required signatures from AHTD and the Federal Inspector for bridges. We may have those by the time of this meeting.

- The Benton County Historic Courthouse interior renovations per the Walton Foundation Grant are in the last stages. The relocation back to the courthouse for the Prosecuting Attorney's office is scheduled for September 26.
- The Benton County Jail Expansion project is underway and progressing on schedule and on budget.
- Perkowitz & Ruth/Cromwell/Dewberry has started Phase 2 of the Benton County Justice Facility needs assessment. A schedule of the Work Group meetings has been announced.

The August Property Disposal Report was presented to the JPs from the dashboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen presented what had been discussed at the Finance Meeting. He said they talked about the appropriation ordinance that we will have before us tonight, and talked briefly about the presentation given by Jay Allen in regards to the parking garage.

JP Allen stated that for this year's budget, our expenditures are 3% to 4% under our target, which at this time is a nice trend to have. The sales tax is still at .83% because we do not have the new month's report. At this time, we are \$38,000 ahead of where we were a year ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Motion to suspend the rules passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Adopting by Reference Codification of the Ordinances of Benton County, Arkansas; Sponsor: JP Mary L. Slinkard

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed ordinance by title only.

JP Slinkard made a motion for this ordinance to be approved on the third reading, seconded by JP Anglin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-34.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Proposed Resolution Adopting the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan for Benton County; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-38.**

(B) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items; Department 0400, Sheriff, Fund 1000; Sponsor JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-35**

(C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Amend Schedule 1-Revenues by Fund and to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0415, Juvenile Detention, Fund 3700; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-36.**

(D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items; Department 0500, Emergency Services, Fund 3601; Sponsor JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-37.**

(E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items; Department 0502, Fire Services, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Michelle Chiocco

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made a motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-38.**

(F) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0108, Maintenance, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Michelle Chiocco

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Chiocco made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Anglin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-39**.

(G) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) to Amend Schedule 1-Revenues by Fund by Authorizing a Transfer from County General, Fund 1000 to Jail Operations & Maintenance, Fund 3017; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-40**.

(H) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) to Amend Schedule 1- Revenues by Fund by Authorizing a Transfer from County General, Fund 1000 to Jail Operations & Maintenance, Fund 3017; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-41**.

- (I) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items; Department 0400; Sheriff, Fund 3015; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-42**.

- (J) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds between Categories and Line Items; Department 0400, Sheriff, Fund 3015; Sponsor JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Sheridan, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-43**.

- (K) An Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) To Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0418, Jail Fund 4000; Sponsor JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made a motion for approval to have discussion on the floor, seconded by JP J. Harrison

Administrator of General Services John Sudduth stated that after speaking to the engineers and going through some numbers, he does not feel the numbers we have at this time are correct, so at this time he would request that this item be tabled until the next Quorum Court meeting.

JP Allen made motion to table to the next Quorum Court meeting, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

County Judge Clinard commented that after having heard three different estimates today, he believes the issue is finding what they are exactly looking for while making sure they meet all the jail standards and find the best possible price.

OTHER BUSINESS:

JP Allen stated that he recently learned that you could now reach 9-1-1 via text message, and after checking with 9-1-1 Director Mary Kay Sullivan, he has found that we have this ability here in Benton County. JP Allen asked if Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson would be able to come and speak on this.

Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson stated that Benton County was one of the first in the state to roll out a system to text 9-1-1. He stated that this system has been operational for about one year. Marshal Watson explained that the way it works is a lot like a TTY, where the communication pops up on the screen for a dispatcher to see. There have been a couple of incidences where people were not be able to call, but they were able to text 9-1-1 to get some help. He added that this system has really been helpful to the hearing impaired.

JP Allen asked if the schools know about this system.

Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson stated that they have reached out to the different school districts and they do know about this system; however, the schools use a different system. They have a panic button from their phones, which is a big brother system to the text message 911 system.

JP Allen stated this is something we need to get out to the public.

Marshal Watson responded that they have a booth at the county fair and at First Friday events where the system is always publicized.

JP Sandlin asked what type of response there has been to the Smart 9-1-1 system.

Marshal Watson responded that they have about 2,000 accounts set up at this time, and this can be done on the smart911.com website. This will keep all your information in a profile for the use of the 9-1-1 dispatchers, so if they receive a call from an individual, there is a profile available, which would note any special circumstances or needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JP J. Harrison stated that we need to keep our neighbors to the south in our thoughts.

JP Allen reminded everyone there is a Finance Meeting September 8.

JP Adams reminded everyone that there is a Transportation Meeting tentatively for September 6, 2016, depending on if we get the bids back in time, and asked County Judge Clinard to notify him if the bids do come back.

County Judge Clinard stated that the Arkansas Association of Counties conference would be held August 17 through 19 in Hot Springs.

JP Jones reminded everyone there is a Public Safety Meeting August 30.

ADJOURNMENT:

After motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk

Prepared by: Keeshia M. DeShields